

Senate Study Bill 1172

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing speed limits on certain multilaned, divided
2 highways and primary highways.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1830SC 81
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsections 4 through 6, Code
1 2 2005, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 4. ~~Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions Except as~~
1 4 ~~otherwise provided by law, the speed limit for all vehicular~~
1 5 ~~traffic shall be fifty-five is sixty~~ miles per hour.
1 6 5. Reasonable and proper, but not greater than fifty-five
1 7 miles per hour at any time between sunrise and sunset, and not
1 8 greater than fifty miles per hour at any time between sunset
1 9 and sunrise, on secondary roads ~~unless. However, if such~~
1 10 roads are surfaced with concrete or asphalt or a combination
1 11 of both, ~~in which case the speed limits shall be the same as~~
1 12 ~~provided in subsection 4 of this section limit is fifty-five~~
1 13 ~~miles per hour at all times of day.~~ When the board of
1 14 supervisors of any county ~~shall determine determines~~ upon the
1 15 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the
1 16 speed limit on any secondary road is greater than is
1 17 reasonable and proper under the conditions found to exist at
1 18 any intersection or other place or upon any part of a
1 19 secondary road, the board shall determine and declare a
1 20 reasonable and proper speed limit at the intersection or other
1 21 part of the secondary road. The speed limits as determined by
1 22 the board of supervisors shall be effective when appropriate
1 23 signs giving notice of the speed limits are erected by the
1 24 board of supervisors at the intersection or other place or
1 25 part of the highway.
1 26 6. ~~a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions Except~~
1 27 ~~as otherwise provided by law, the speed limit for all~~
1 28 vehicular traffic on fully controlled-access, divided,
1 29 multilaned highways including the national system of
1 30 interstate highways is ~~sixty-five seventy~~ miles per hour. The
1 31 department may establish a speed limit of ~~sixty-five seventy~~
1 32 miles per hour on certain divided, multilaned highways.
1 33 However, the department, ~~or cities~~ a city with the approval of
1 34 the department, may establish a lower speed limit ~~upon on~~ such
1 35 highways located within the corporate limits of a city. For
2 1 the purposes of this subsection, a fully controlled-access
2 2 highway is a highway that gives preference to through traffic
2 3 by providing access connections with selected public roads
2 4 only and by prohibiting crossings at grade or direct private
2 5 driveway connections.
2 6 ~~b.~~ A minimum speed may be established by the department on
2 7 the highways referred to in this subsection if warranted by
2 8 engineering and traffic investigations.
2 9 ~~c. It is further provided that any~~ Any kind of vehicle,
2 10 implement, or conveyance incapable of attaining and
2 11 maintaining a speed of forty miles per hour shall be
2 12 prohibited from using the interstate road system.
2 13 EXPLANATION
2 14 This bill increases the speed limit for all vehicles on
2 15 fully controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways,
2 16 including interstates, from 65 to 70 miles per hour. The

2 17 state department of transportation may establish a 70=mile=
2 18 per=hour speed limit on other divided, multilaned highways.
2 19 The department and cities retain the authority to lower the
2 20 speed limit within the corporate limits of a city.
2 21 The bill also increases the speed limit on primary highways
2 22 from 55 to 60 miles per hour. Current scheduled fines for
2 23 speeding violations under Code section 805.8A are applicable
2 24 to violations of the new speed limits.
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